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SUBJECT: WORLDWIDE STUDY OF MARINE AND SHORELINE RECREATION

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1. AS FAR AS EMBASSY AWARE, NEITHER FEDERAL NOR STATE GOVERNMENTS HAS PURSUED PROGRAMS OF ANY SIGNIFICANCE TO DEVELOP COST LOME AS RECREATION AREA. AT ANY RATE, THERE IS NO IDENTIFIABLE NATIONAL POLICY IN THIS AREA, NO LEGISLATION COVERING SEACOAST RECREATION, NO BODY OF REGULATIONS, AND NO SPECIAL EFFORT TO DATE TOWARDS MAKING SHORELINE MORE ACCESSIBLE TO TOURISTS (UNDERPRIVILEGED OR OTHERWISE).

2. AS ONE OF WORLD'S MAJOR OIL EXPORTERS, NIGERIA RECEIVES ABUNDANT FOREIGN EXCHANGE REVENUES AND IS THUS SPARED URGENT ECONOMIC NEED FOR TOURIST INDUSTRY FACED BY MANY LDCS. THIS PARTICULARLY TRUE OF NIGER DELTA STATES WHICH OCCUPY MORE THAN HALF OF NIGERIA'S COASTLINE.

3. GOVERNMENT HAS INVESTED IN A FEW HOTELS IN COASTAL TOWNS SUCH AS LAGOS AND PORT HARCOURT; BUT THESE AIMED MORE AT UNCLASSIFIED

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MEETING NEEDS OF BUSINESS AND OFFICIAL VISITORS THAN

DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM.

4. SITUATION MAY CHANGE IN COMING YEARS WITH ESTABLISHMENT OF GOVERNMENT-APPROVED NATIONAL TOURIST BOARD, WHICH WILL REPORTEDLY BE EMPOWERED TO DRAFT LEGISLATION AND TAKE OTHER POSITIVE STEPS TOWARDS DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST INDUSTRY. IT IS HOPED THAT NIGERIA'S HOSTING OF WORLD BLACK ARTS FESTIVAL LATE IN 1975 WILL SUPPLY ADDED IMPETUS IN THIS DIRECTION. FOR MOMENT, HOWEVER, TOURIST INFRASTRUCTURE IS LARGELY LACKING, PARTICULARLY IN COASTLINE AREAS, AND BODY OF LITERATURE REQUESTED REFTEL IS NON-EXISTENT.
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